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Cut down on food waste and share food more equitably

Re: Unless consumers are given tools to go green, then their eco-awakening could doom climate, May 25

Isabel Schatzschneider said: "Organic has been particularly controversial."

The truth is people buy organic to decrease the poisons being poured onto the earth.

We could afford to grow much less.

Given the amount of food waste that goes to compost bins, or worse, garbage, many of us are clearly spoiled by the abundance of every food, everywhere, all the time.

In richer countries, we have so much it ends up as trash, greatly contributing to carbon and methane emissions while many in poorer countries starve.

We do not need to grow more; we need better and fairer distribution.

Jennifer Temple, Welland, Ont.

Ford's fundraising off an unmitigated disaster

Re: Doug Ford's Tories fundraising off the pandemic with an election a year away, May 25

As Doug Ford's party begins to crow over the anticipated end of the pandemic, we should remember that this is a pyrrhic victory at best.

Any reasonable definition of success would not include Ontario's 526,000 cases and 8,678 deaths.

This is the result of a year of acting contrary to the best available scientific advice, complete inaction on known problems, and Pollyanna optimism that a vaccine would arrive in time to halt the carnage.

The Ford government has used the pandemic to deflect attention from: energy and resources frittered away on useless and harmful

shenanigans like the sell off of environmental assets, legal challenges to carbon reduction, construction of unwanted highways and the undermining of municipal governments and agencies.

Paul Collier, Toronto

When it comes to some banks, customer service is lacking

Re: Her transfer from one digital bank to another got lost - in the mail. Here's why that can still happen, May 25

Some of the big banks are even worse.

It took 99 days to transfer an RRSP out of Toronto-Dominion, of which 10 days was "in the mail." Transfers go through a "back office" which does not communicate with others, including the TD customer service department.

I tried to get this resolved and the customer service department could not reach the hallowed back office and referred me back to the bank branch, who have no control or influence. By contrast, my wife transferred an RRSP out of her CIBC account in six days.

No wonder TD made $3.7 billion the last quarter. I guess they like to punish people for having the temerity to try to move funds.

Brian Catchpole, Whitby

Make vaccination passports mandatory as proof, incentive

Re: It's no longer a question about having vaccine passports but how they should be designed, May 5

It's amazing how some people think.

If you are hesitant about receiving the vaccine, but then you are offered a lottery ticket or a doughnut, all those hesitations disappear.

If you want a real incentive how about vaccination how about this: If you are vaccinated you can go to a baseball game, or a movie, or a full-size wedding or travel.

It is time to issue proof of vaccination, a vaccination passport. That is the real incentive that will convince those people to get vaccinated.

Michael Liotta, Toronto

Those who micromanage every comment need a life

Re: Ron MacLean apologizes for puzzling on-air remark that one LGBTQ advocate sees as 'teachable' moment for hockey, May 26

What's happening to our society when people are analyzing every comment made by politicians, celebrities and journalists as if they contained clues to a murder mystery?

Yes, that person could have meant ... but they didn't.

Please stop being so angry, get a life and stop picking at it until it bleeds. Focus on clear and nefarious intent.

Use missteps of past leaders as teaching

moments; they cannot be erased by eliminating statues and references. Your example will

make future generations smarter and less divided.

Let's consider our endgame. You just might enjoy your life a bit more.

David Ottenbrite, Cambridge, Ont.

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